

Department of Transportation Funding will create transportation facility at the international border with Canada

WASHINGTON - Congresswoman Louise Slaughter (NY-28) today announced that \$16,500,000 in grant funds awarded to the City of Niagara Falls will begin flowing for the construction of an intermodal transportation facility at the international border with Canada. The project includes the construction of an intercity passenger rail station located immediately adjacent to a Department of Homeland Security customs and border facility. The funding comes from the Department of Transportation's competitive TIGER II grant program, which was enacted as part of the stimulus bill.

"At a time when our nation and our region are in desperate need of greater investment in transportation infrastructure, this announcement is truly welcome," said Slaughter, New York's leading advocate for rail stretching across Upstate New York. "I have been a strong advocate for and supporter of this project because I believe that an efficient passenger rail system is an invaluable boon to the Western New York economy. I want to commend Mayor Paul Dyster and the City of Niagara Falls for their sponsorship of this station. I am convinced this beautiful facility will support Niagara Fall's resurgence as a tourism destination. I am delighted that this project will bring valuable resources, contracts for local businesses and employment opportunities for the people of this region."

"These are challenging economic times for our nation and certainly for this city, Niagara Falls, New York," said Niagara Falls Mayor Paul A. Dyster. "In spite of budget restrictions occurring on so many fronts these funds have become a reality, in large part, through the ceaseless efforts of Congresswoman Louise Slaughter. Our Railway Station and Intermodal Transportation Center will be a major game changer for both Niagara Falls and the western New York region. I'm confident this project will prove to be a wise investment by our federal government."

Thanks to Slaughter's efforts in cooperation with the project team, federal funds have been committed to the project. Once the project is bid and contracts awarded, construction can begin. The Niagara Falls International Rail Station/Intermodal Transportation Center Project includes construction of a new passenger rail siding, a station platform, and site work to support transit, bike, pedestrian, and automobile connections with the station. The site of the new station is immediately east of the Whirlpool-Rapids International Bridge, and work will take place between now and April 30, 2015.

On September 2, 2010, Slaughter wrote a letter to Transportation Secretary Ray LaHood supporting the last piece of funding that was announced today, which [can be found here](#) . For more on Congresswoman Slaughter's work to bring high-speed rail to Upstate New York [click here](#)

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